



Yuma County HEOC/JIC COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

3:00 PM, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

*****CURRENT SITUATIONAL REPORT*****

Yuma County Public Health District Update

Yuma County Health Officials confirm 553 new cases of COVID-19 and *7 new deaths, bringing the total cases to 24,100, and total deaths to 455. Health officials are conducting contact investigations.

* **NOTE:** Today we documented Seven (7) new deaths reported. Based on the information from the ADHS/County Vital Records Surveillance, these deaths occurred as described below:

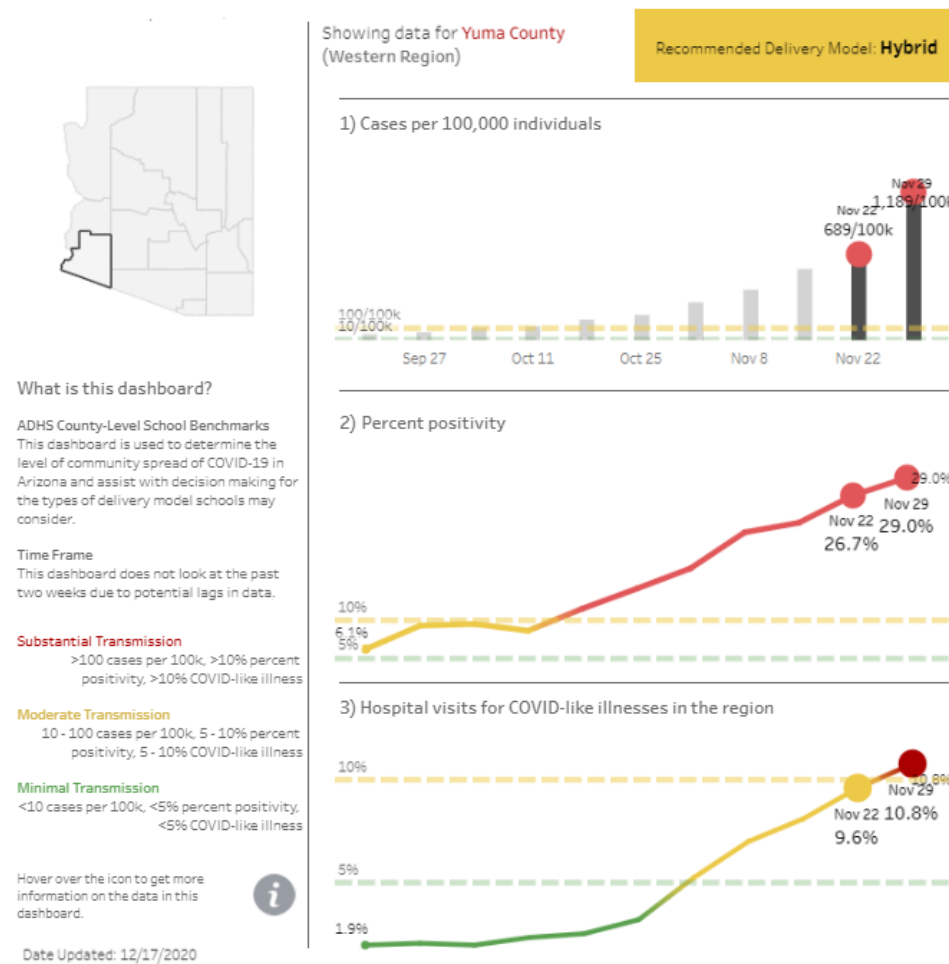
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- Arizona currently has 442,671 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 7,819 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 24,100 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 455 deaths
- Currently 105,480 Yuma County residents have been tested
- Currently 161 Yuma County Residents are hospitalized AS OF 8 am 12/18/20; *please note the hospitalization numbers offer an accurate "snapshot" at the time of our daily update, but numbers may fluctuate throughout the day*

Data is provisional and subject to change:

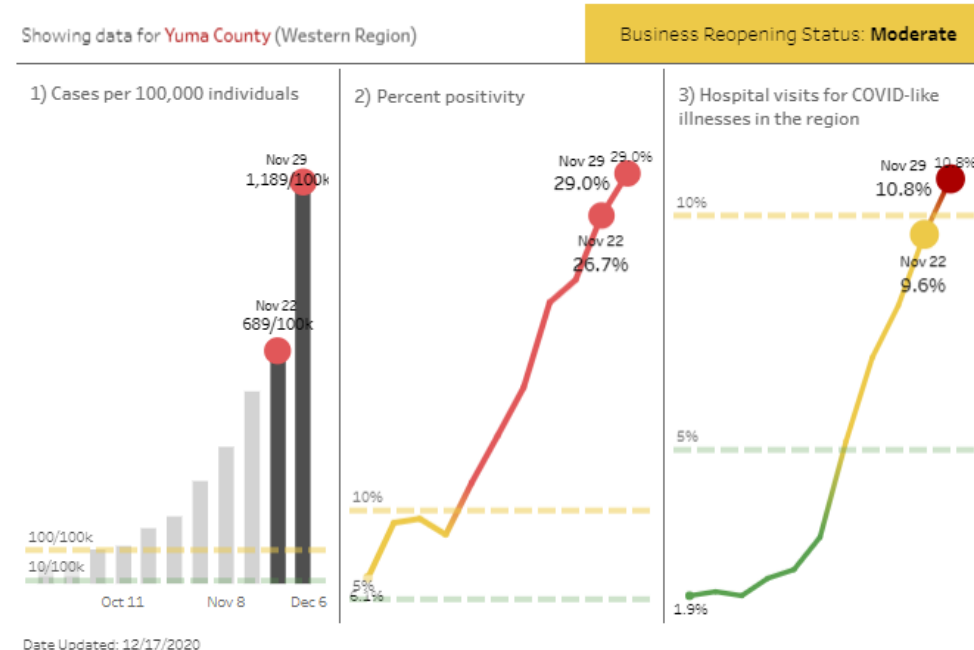
YUMA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE		
CONFIRMED CASES 24,100	DEATHS 455	CASES BY AGE LESS THAN 20 3,530 15% 20-44 10,768 45% 45-54 3,759 15% 55-64 3,081 13% 65+ 2,959 12% UNKNOWN 3 0%
CASES BY GENDER FEMALE 12,459 52% MALE 11,641 48%	YRMC HOSPITALIZATIONS * 161	
TOTAL TESTS 105,480	YRMC TOTAL IN ICU * 27	ARIZONA SURGE LINE TRANSFERS * 6 LAST 24 HOURS 251 TOTAL
YRMC COVID-19 PATIENTS DISCHARGED * 1,629	YRMC VENTILATORS * 28 IN USE 18 AVAILABLE	* REPORTED BY YRMC AS OF 8AM DECEMBER 18
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 2020		

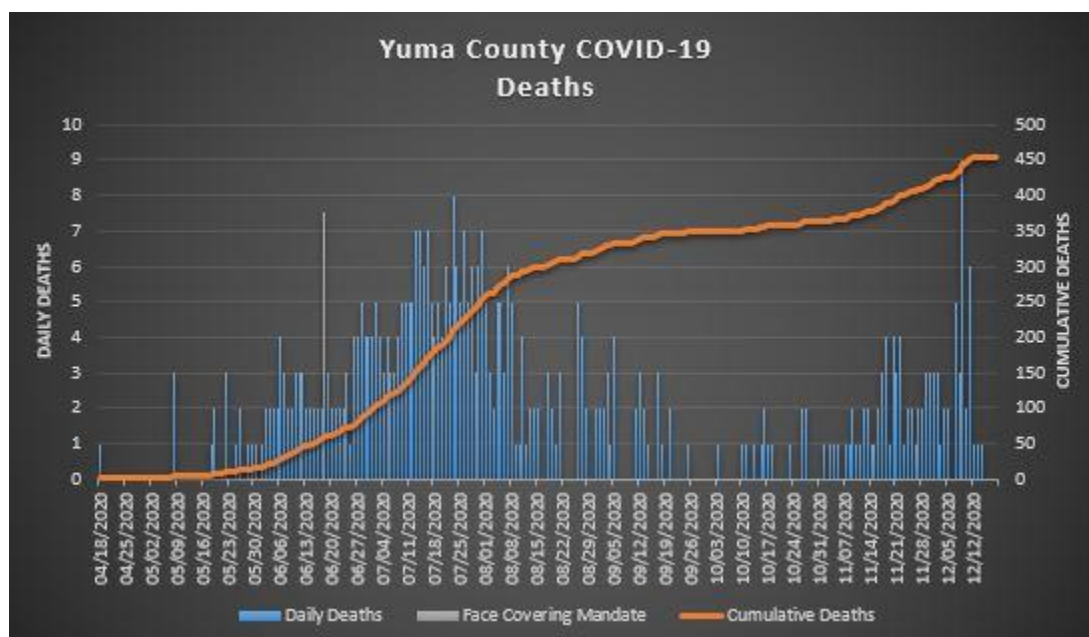
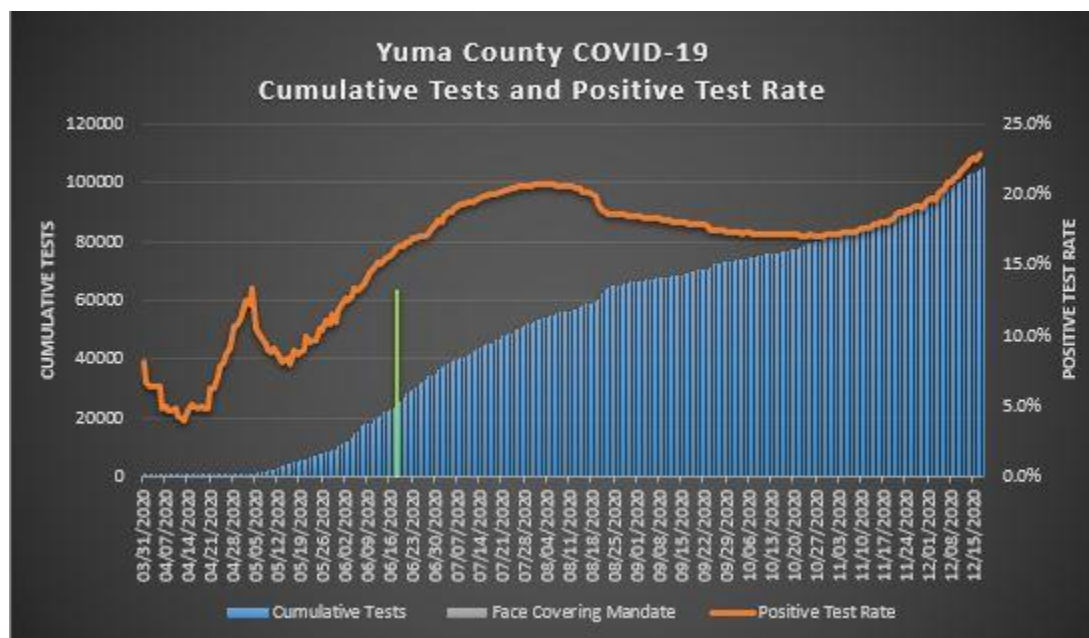
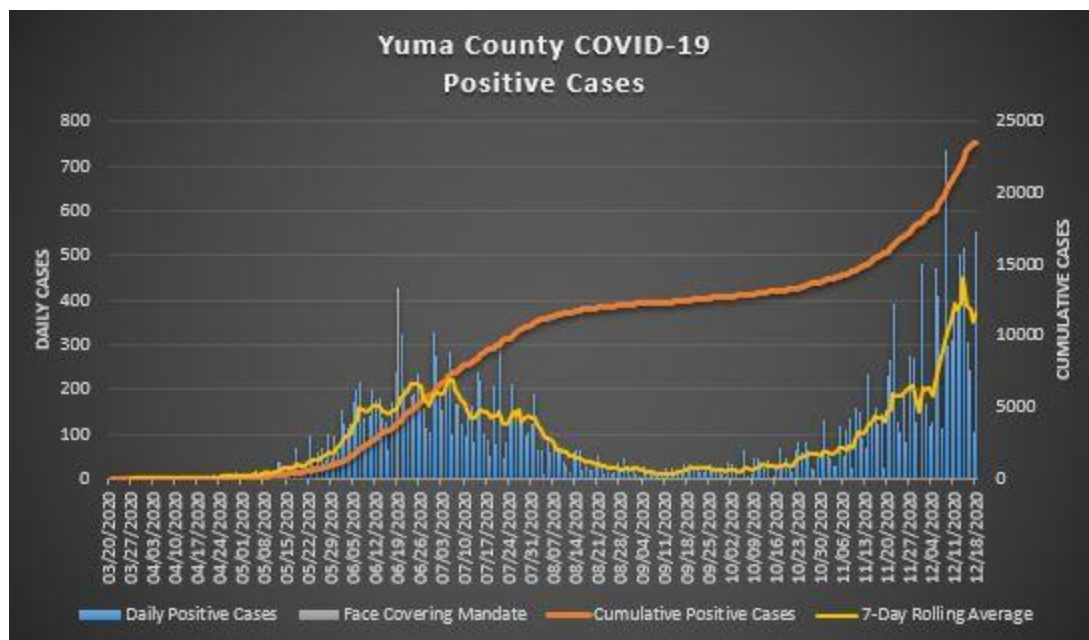
Yuma County Schools – Snapshot (reported weekly by ADHS)

[CLICK HERE for - ADHS Updated EMERGENCY MEASURE \(Schools\) 2020-04](#)



Yuma County Businesses – Snapshot (reported weekly by ADHS)





NOTE: Recently the UofA Center for Excellence in Desert Agriculture received funding approval from the Yuma County Board of Supervisors for a wastewater surveillance program. This would be used as a potential mitigation tool as part of a layered multi-faceted approach to address COVID-19. The public can learn more about this at the [CDC's National Wastewater Surveillance System web page](#).

I HAVE RECEIVED MY COVID-19 TEST, NOW WHAT DO I DO?:

When you can be around others depends on different factors for different situations. By following these steps (follow the link) you can continue to help stop the spread:

[English - What now?](#)

[Spanish – What now?](#)

Testing Opportunities:

Regional Center for Border Health, Inc./San Luis Walk-In Clinic, Inc. is providing Regular and Rapid drive-thru screenings every day at the following locations:

Drive-thru Regular COVID, RAPID and Flu Vaccines 7 am - 3:00 pm (Monday to Friday)

- Somerton: 950 E. Main Street, Somerton, AZ
- San Luis: 1896 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ

Walk-in Regular COVID and RAPID testing 9:00 am – 7:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

San Luis Urgent Care: 1233 S. Main Street, Suite 1A San Luis, AZ

Antibody (COVID-19 past exposure test) & Swab (COVID-19 diagnosis test) and Flu Vaccines

Testing is offered to Businesses and Employers on site, call this number 928-315-7910 to set up appointment

All insurances are accepted, we do not deny anyone based on the ability to pay.

Sunset Health COVID-19 ON-SITE DRIVE THRU TESTING

Yuma – 2060 W. 24th Street –Drive Thru Testing – Monday-Friday (Appointment ONLY)

North Yuma – 675 S. Avenue B – Drive Thru Testing – Monday-Friday, 7am-9am

Wellton – 10425 S. Williams St –Drive Thru Testing – Monday-Friday (Appointment ONLY)

San Luis – 815 E. Cesar Chavez Blvd. – Drive Thru Testing – Monday-Friday, By Appointment Call to Pre-Register

Somerton – 115 N. Somerton Ave. – Drive Thru Testing By Appointment Call to Pre-Register – Monday-Friday, 7:30am-9:30am

Question of the Day: What are mRNA vaccines and how do they work to help prevent COVID-19? (Source: Harvard Health Publishing)

- mRNA, or messenger RNA, is genetic material that contains instructions for making proteins. mRNA vaccines for COVID-19 contain synthetic mRNA.
- Inside the body, the mRNA enters human cells and instructs them to produce the "spike" protein found on the surface of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
- The body recognizes the spike protein as an invader, and produces antibodies against it. If the antibodies later encounter the actual virus, they are ready to recognize and destroy it before it causes illness.
- An mRNA vaccine created by Pfizer and BioNTech was granted emergency use authorization (EUA) by the FDA on December 11, 2020. Another mRNA, developed by Moderna, is currently moving closer towards final approval.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) recent updates can be found on the COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard.

- You can access the [COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard](#)
- You can access the [COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code](#)
- Please take note of new reporting data available on the dashboard:
 - Summary
 - Demographics
 - COVID-19 Deaths
 - Zip Code
 - Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day
 - Hospitalization
 - Hospital COVID-like & Influenza-like illness Surveillance
 - Laboratory Testing
 - Congregate Settings with Positive COVID-19 Cases
 - Hospital Bed Usage & Availability
 - Ventilator Usage & Availability
 - Hospital COVID-19 Specific Metrics

HOW can YOU get a flu shot in Yuma County?

The 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine is now available at the Health District, 2200 W. 28th Street in Yuma. Seasonal flu vaccinations are available for all individuals 6 months of age and older. The cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth 18 years and younger. Medicare Part B, AHCCCS and Private Insurance are accepted upon presentation of card.

Flu vaccine is available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call: (928)317-4559

Yuma County health officials confirm "moderate spread" of COVID-19 throughout Yuma County. We encourage all residents to take the necessary precautions including physical distancing and staying home if you are sick. Remember to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid people who are sick, and avoid groups of 10 people or more.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces like light switches, door knobs, electronic devices, etc.
- Stay home if you are sick so you do not expose others.
- Practice physical distancing, staying 6 feet away from others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) UPDATE

NOTE, some of the below information has been updated from previous releases. Please be sure to read all segments.

YUMA COUNTY

Yuma County Administrator Susan Thorpe announced that County government offices opened to the public to conduct business beginning Monday, October 5th, under the County's reopening plan.

In this video to the public, Mrs. Thorpe details the specifics of Phase 1 opening and what you can expect when visiting County facilities: [COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REOPEN MESSAGE](#)

Yuma County Government Offices PUBLIC visitation hours:

Effective Monday, October 5th, County offices will be open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

County libraries will begin limited reopening to minimize exposure to COVID-19:

- The Main Library, San Luis, Somerton and Foothills Libraries will have metered access based on size and staffing, with a limit on the number of people in the library at one time.
- Heritage, Dateland, Wellton and Roll Libraries will be by appointment only, due to their smaller staffing.
- Please visit the [Library's website](#) for more information on hours and available services.

CITY OF YUMA

Effective Nov. 30, Yuma City Hall will be open to the public the following hours, except holidays: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Please continue to check the online Parks and Recreation Activities Guide for the status of fall and winter programs, or call Parks and Rec at 373-5200.

Facial coverings are required of all visitors as well as city employees. Visitors should also observe social distance from others.

Marine Corps Air Station - Yuma

Effective 04 September, the Trusted Traveler Program has been reinstated. Visitors without a CAC or DOD identification will be allowed to enter with a sponsor. Visitors will be required to provide justification for needing access to the installation and granted access to the base with someone who has a CAC or DOD identification card who will be sponsoring/escorting them aboard the base.

Under the program, sponsors and/or guests may be subject to a background check.

Safety measures are still required by MCAS Yuma in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

YUMA PROVING GROUND

Although certain access restrictions directed by the Department of the Army are in place, Yuma Proving Ground's essential test mission in support of Army modernization priorities continues. Access to Yuma Proving Ground is currently restricted to the following:

- * YPG residents, including Travel Camp residents
- * YPG employees
- * Civilian contractors who work at YPG
- * Other personnel who come to YPG for an authorized purpose (including personnel on official orders to YPG, DoD retirees/ID card holders, and delivery drivers)

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